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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BENC, IV, FR

SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: TELECOMMUNICATIONS SWITCHING
CONTRACT

REF: (A) ABIDJAN 2882; (B) STATE 057669

1. APPRECIATE ABIDJAN REPORTING REF A.
 2. LATEST INFORMATION WE HAVE FROM PHOENIX ON SUBJECT PROJECT IS THAT FRENCH FINANCING STILL HAS NOT COME THROUGH FOR ANY PARTS OF PROJECT, INCLUDING SWITCHING. PHOENIX UNDERSTANDS CREDIT LYONNAISE AND SOCIETE GENERAL
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ATTEMPTING PUT TOGETHER PRIVATE SYNDICATED LOAN FOR SWITCHING PORTION ONLY. THEY ALSO HAVE UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY SENT LETTER TO PRESIDENT DIESTAING REQUESTING FRENCH GOVERNMENT FINANCING FOR PROJECT. ON TOPIC OF GOF FINANCING, WE HAVE AGAIN CONFIRMED WITH IBRD THAT BANK RECEIVED RECENT ASSURANCE FROM GOF THAT THEY WILL NOT GET INVOLVED IN PROJECT.

3. PROJECT THEREFORE REMAINS IN LIMBO. FRENCH FINANCING
MAY EVENTUALLY BE FOUND FOR SWITCHING EQUIPMENT PER KING

COMMENT REPORTED REF A, BUT COULD BE CONTINGENT ON IBRD
FUNDING FOR REMAINDER. NORTH, PHOENIX AND WASHINGTON
AGENCIES REMAIN OPTIMISTIC THAT PROJECT OPEN UNTIL TOTAL
PROJECT FINANCING PACKAGE FOUND.

4. WE WILL REPORT FEEDBACK FROM IBRD AS SOON AS
RECEIVED.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION
WHICH ADDRESSEE POSTS MAY HAVE HEARD ON OFFICIAL OR
PRIVATE FRENCH FINANCING PACKAGES WHICH MAY BE
DEVELOPING.
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